

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

If a block read cannot be used to read out from a configuration ROM information, the number of times of  
5 issue of a quadlet read request increases. This  
degrades the processing efficiently of a device that  
issues the request. In addition, the bus occupation  
ratio of a 1394 serial bus by the request becomes high,  
and the speed of processing through the 1394 serial bus  
10 decreases. To solve these problems, information stored  
in the configuration ROM area of a device is read out,  
and it is determined on the basis of the readout  
information that configuration information identical to  
the configuration ROM information is stored in an  
15 address area (block readable area) different from the  
configuration ROM area, the offset is changed, and the  
configuration information is read out from the address  
area different from the configuration ROM area.